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THE

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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AND THE

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR

(E.P. JONES, C.R.San.1., M.S.I.A.)

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING

31st DECEMBER, 1964.

EDEYRNION RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1964

To The Edeyrnion Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Health Report for 1964.

The Registrar General's estimate of the mid year population was 3,960 (40 more than in 1963). The 1961 census figure was 3,925 and that for 1951 was 4,197.

There were 72 live births and no still births. This was one birth less than in 1963 and 5 less than 1962.

There were 58 deaths substantially less than the number of births. There was no infant death and no maternal deaths. Again most of the deaths were due to heart disease and to strokes. There was no death from tuberculosis but one new case of tuberculosis was notified.

I wish to thank Mr. E. P. Jones and all the other council officials for their help during the year.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

H. Francis,

M.B. Ch.B. D.P.H.

GENERAL STATISTICS

SECTION A.

Area of Rural District	-	47,460
Rateable Value	-	£75003
Population (Registrar General's figures)	-	3,960
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	-	£280
Number of inhabited houses (According to the Rate Books) at end of year	-	1437

VITAL STATISTICS

Comparability Factors -

Births	1.22
Deaths	0.94

Live Births

		Males	Females
Total	72	37	35
Legitimate	67	34	33
Illegitimate	5	3	2

Live Births Rate per 1,000 Population 18.18
1961 figures 18.62

Illegitimate Live Births (Per 1,000 population) - 1.26

Still Births

	Males	Females
Total	nil	nil

Still Births Rate per 1,000 population - nil

Still Births Rate per 1,000 Total Live and Still Births - nil

Total Births (Live & Still) - ~~80~~ 72.

		Males	Females
Live	- ~~77~~ 72	37	35
Still	- 3 NIL.	Nil	Nil
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks		Nil	Nil

Infant Mortality (Rate per 1,000 Live Births - nil
1963 figures - 27.40

Deaths of Legitimate Infants Mortality - nil
(per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births)

Deaths of Illegitimate Infants Mortality - nil
(per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births)

Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age	Males	Females
Total	nil	nil

Neo-natal Mortality Rate - nil

Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate - nil

Perintal Mortality Rate - nil

MATERNAL DEATHS (including abortion) -nil

Maternal Mortality (Rate per 1,000 Live Still Births). - nil
1963 figures - nil

DEATHS

	Males	Females
Total Number - 58	30	28

Rate per 1,000 population - 14.64
1961 figures - 13.77

Deaths from Cancer:-

Total Number - 8

Rate per 1,000 population - 02.02
1961 figures - 3.8.

Deaths from Tuberculosis

Total Number - Nil
Rate per 1,000 population - Nil
1963 figures - Nil

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

1. Public Health Officers of the Authority:-

   One Medical Officer of Health.
   One Public Health Inspector.
   One Additional Public Health Inspector.

2. Laboratory Facilities

   Water analysis chemical carried out by the Public Analyst, Chester.
   Bacteriological examination of water and examination of milk by the Public Health Laboratory, Conway.

3. Ambulance Facilities

   One Ambulance is stationed at Corwen.

4. Infant Welfare Clinics

   Held once a month at the Church House, Corwen.

5. Ante-Natal Clinics

Held at Yr Hafan, Bala once every calender month.

6. Orthopaedic Clinic

Held at Plasyndre, Bala every 2 weeks.

7. Tuberculosis Clinic

Held at Plasyndre, Bala every 2 weeks.

8. Diptheria Immunisation

Arranged by the County Medical Officer of Health.
Carried out at "Hafan" Bala and by general practitioners in their sugeries.
The School Medical Officer immunises young children at the primary schools.

9. Hospitals

There is no hospital in the Rural area.

10. Infectious Diseases

Total number of Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified during the year - Nil.

Scarlet Fever	-	Nil
Bacillary Dysentry	-	Nil
Whooping Cough	-	Nil
Measles	-	Nil
Infantile Paralysis	-	Nil

TUBERCULOSIS, NEW CASES

Pulmonary - Total - 1

Males - 1 Females - Nil

Non-Pulmonary - Total -

Tuberculosis Deaths

Pulmonary - Total -
Non-Pulmonary - Total -

New Cases and Mortality during 1964 in age groups.

New Cases - Deaths - Nil

CAUSES OF DEATH 1964

	M	F
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	-	-
Other Infective & Parasitic Disease	-	-
Cancer Stomach	-	1
" Bronchitis	2	-
" Breast	-	1
" Other Sites	2	2
Diabetes	-	-
Vascular lessions of nervous system	4	7
Coronary Diseases, angina	9	1
Hypertension with heart disease	-	2
Other heart diseases	3	2
Other circulatory disease	1	4
Influenza	-	-
Pneumonia	2	-
Bronchitis	2	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-
Gastritis, enterities and diarrhoea	-	-
Congential Malformations	-	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	3	7
Motor Vehicle accidents	-	1
All other accidents	2	-
Suicide	-	-

Food Hygiene

Advice was given to food handlers as required.

Report of the Public Health Inspector and Surveyor
E. P. JONES, (C.R.San.I.M.S.I.A.).

The district is regularly inspected and conditions generally were found satisfactory.

Mr. B. Marsland the Additional Public Health Inspector resigned at the end of November to take up other duties. The post has been advertised and it is hoped that it will be filled in the new year.

Water Supplies

The water supply in the district was satisfactory throughout the year.

Housing

There are 2[illegible] houses, 11 bungalows, 5 flats, 2 shops owned by the Council in the various villages and are made up as follows:-

Corwen	-	129 houses, 1 flat, 2 shops, 11 bungalows
Cynwyd	-	32 houses, 2 flats
Llandrillo	-	26 houses
Gwyddelwern	-	22 houses and 2 flats
Carrog	-	14 houses
Glyndyfrdwy	-	20 houses
Melin y Wig	-	8 houses

Included in the above - 7 bungalows and 1 shop at Maes Afallen completed during the year.

Sewerage

A Public Inquiry was held during the year into the Council's Sewerage & Sewage Disposal Scheme for Corwen and the scheme was approved by the Minister. It is hoped that the final preparation of this scheme will now proceed.

Rivers and Streams

No action was deemed necessary.

Camping Sites

One site at Cilan, Llandrillo was licenced during the year. This site was kept in a satisfactory condition throughout the year.

Schools

Sanitary conditions at all the schools were satisfactory.

Smoke Abatement

Being a rural area the district is free from nuisance arising from smoke, one case of emission of soot was dealt with during the year.

Swimming Baths and Pools

There are no baths or pools in the area.

Rodent Control

During the year disinfestation work proceeded satisfactorily.

	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	Business Premises	Farms
No. of Properties	9	1456	69	356
No. of Visits	52	123	6	702
No. of Revisits	104	246	24	243
Rats No. of Major Infestation	-	-	-	-
No. of Minor Infestation	178	81	6	243
Mice No. of Major Infestation	-	-	-	-
No. of Minor Infestation	6	13	6	4

HOUSING

(A) REPAIR - HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

1. Total number of houses repaired in consequence of informal action (All Acts) - 13

Section 9, 10 and 16 Housing Act 1957

2. Number of notices served - 13 Informal. - Formal
3. Number of houses rendered fit after service of notices -
   (a) by owner - 13
   (b) by local authority - nil

Public Health Acts (and similar local Acts)

4. Number of Notices served - 2 Informal. - Formal
5. Number of houses repaired after service of notices
   (a) by owner - 2
   (b) by local authority - nil

Beyond Repair - Housing Act 1957

1. Number of undertakings accepted (Section 16) - 9
2. Number of closing orders made (Section 17) - -
3. Number of demolition orders made (Section 17) - 3
4. Number of houses demolished after demolition orders - Nil
5. Number of closing orders (Section 18) - Nil
6. Number of closing orders determined (Section 18) - Nil

(B) CLEARANCE AREAS

Represented during the Year

1. Number of areas - Nil

(C) IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

1. Standard Grants

a. Number of applications (i) owner/occupier - 12. Approved - 12.
(ii) tenanted houses - 2. Approved - 2.

b. Number of dwellings improved -
(i) owner/occupier - 12. (ii) tenanted - 2

c. Amount paid in grants - £1790

d. Average grant per house - £~~150~~ 128.

e. Amenities provided -
(i) Fixed Bath - 14
(ii) Shower - -
(iii) Wash Hand basin - 14
(iv) Hot water supply (to any fitting) - 14
(v) Water closet (1) within dwelling - 14
(2) accessible from dwelling - Nil
(vi) Food store - 14

(D) DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

a. Number of applications approved - 11

b. Number of applications refused - Nil

c. Amount paid in grants - £3787

d. Number of dwellings improved (i) Owner/occupier - 8
(ii) Tenanted - 3

(E) IMPROVEMENT AREAS - HOUSING ACT 1964

1. Number of areas (a) Surveyed - Nil. (b) Declared - Nil

Dwellings in tenement blocks

Number of dwellings in the district - Nil

(F) RENT ACT 1957

Application for Certificate of Disrepair

1. Number of applications - Nil

2. Number of applications for cancellation of Certificates - Nil

(G) HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION

Total number of houses in multiple occupation - Nil

(H) LANDLORDS TENANT ACT

Houses without Rent Books - Nil

Proceedings taken - Nil

HOUSING ACT 1957, 1961-1964 - OVERCROWDING

Further efforts are being made to relieve overcrowding in the district by re-housing. Further reduction will be made as new Council Houses are built. It is not possible to give present number of houses overcrowded.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

(A) REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

	Class of Premises	No. of Premises Ins. during Year	No. of Registered Premises at end of Year	No. of Registered Premises receiving general inspection during year
Offices	10	10	10	10
Retail Shop	17	17	17	17
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	1	1	1	1
Catering establishments open to the public canteens	6	6	6	6
Full Storage Depots	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
TOTALS	34	34	34	34

Total Number of visits of all kinds to registered premises under the Act - 46

(B) ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS

Contravention in respect of	Found	Contraventions in respect of	Found
Sec. 4. Cleanliness	Nil	Sec. 13. Sitting facilities	Nil
Sec. 5. Overcrowding	Nil	Sec. 14. Seats for workers	Nil
Sec. 6. Temperature	6	Sec. 15. Eating facilities	Nil
Sec. 7. Ventilator	Nil	Sec. 16. Floors, passages, stairs	2
Sec. 8. Lighting	Nil	Sec. 17. Fencing of exposed parts of machinery	Nil
Sec. 9. Sanitary Conveniences	Nil	Sec. 18 Protection of young persons from dangerous machin..	Nil
Sec.10. Washing Facilities	2	Sec. 19 Training of young persons at dangerous machinery	Nil

Contravention in respect of	Found	Contraventions in respect of	Found
Sec. 11. Supply of drinking water	Nil	Sec. 23. Prohibitation of heavey work	Nil
Sec. 12. Accommodation for clothing	Nil	Sec. 24. First Aid General Premises	8

(C) EXEMPTIONS

1. Number of applications for exemptions received - Nil
2. Number of applications granted for exemptions received - Nil

(D) PROSECUTIONS

Prosecutions instituted of which the hearing was completed during the year - Nil.

(E) INSPECTORS

Number of inspectors appointed und Section 52(1) or (5) of the Act - 2

(F) REPORTED ACCIDENTS

No accidents were reported within the area during the period 1st January to 31st December, 1964.

Number of inspections and visits made during the year:-

Houses	278
Housing sites	69
Drains	52
Drains tested	29
Nuisances	26
Public Conveniences	8
Sewerage and Sewage Disposal	71
Refuse and Scavenging	39
Factories	8
Shops and Hotels	81
Number of Plans approved	37
Improvement Grants	106
Street Lighting	9
Farms	15
Bakehouses	3
Meat Shops	24
Slaughterhouses	996
New Building and Byelaws	196
Schools	8

Pavilion	60
Water Supplies	151
Offices and Shops Act	30
Water taken for Bacteriological Examination	9
(a) Satisfactory	7
(b) Unsatisfactory	2
Chemical Examination	1
(a) Satisfactory	-
(B) Unsatisfactory	-

The chemical examination was for the fluoride content at the Filter House, Cynwyd. The result showed that there was less than 0.1. part per million present in the water.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(A) MEAT INSPECTION

There are 2 licenced Slaughterhouses in the district.

Carcases inspected and condemned.

	CATTLE	CALVES	SHEEP & LAMBS	PIGS
Number killed.....	1808	13	12,028	2074
Number inspected.....	1808	13	12,028	2074
All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticercas				
Whole carcases condemned	4	Nil	29	4
Carcus of which same part or organ was condemned	240	Nil	144	600
Tuberculosis only				
Whole carcases condemned.....	NIl	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which same part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	8
Percentage of numbers affected with T.B				
Cysticercus				
Carcases of which same part or organ was condemned.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Generalised and totally condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

(B) UNSOUND FOOD SURRENDERED OR CONDEMNED

1.	Meat at slaughterhouses	1,766 lbs.
2.	Meat at retail shops	10 lbs.
3.	Cooked meat and meat products	Nil
4.	Canned meats	12 lbs
5.	Fish (Tinned) .. ..(4 tins)	3 lbs
6.	Fruit and Vegetables (Tinned)	53 lbs
7.	Other Foods	10 lbs

(C) FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

1. Number of prosecutions under Section 2 - Nil
2. Number of presecutions under Section 8 - Nil
3. Number of complaints of foreign bodies in food -Nil

(D) FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1960

Number of offences presented under each regulation -

5,6,8,9,10,14,16,17,18,19,20,21,23,24,25 - Nil

Bakehouses

All bakehouses in the district were found to be in a satisfactory condition.

Ice Cream Premises

One new registration was granted during the year for the use of pre-packed Ice Cream. All Registered Premises still sell Ice Cream pre-packed and all the premises were found to be satisfactory.

Factories Act 1961

There are twelve factories registered within the district. Of the number inspected conditions were found to be satisfactory.

Refuse Collection

Collection in the district is carried out by direct labour and the disposal is by controlled tipping at one site at Bryn Bras, Corwen which was acquired during the year.

Public Conveniences

Some difficulties were experienced during the year with the cleanliness of the conveniences. This was partly due to the heavy usage between the visits of the cleaner.

The total takings for the year was £185. 17s. 5d.

RAINFALL - (IN Inches)

	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964
January	5.21	3.46	3.95	5.06	7.60	5.10	5.65	0.75	1.15
February	1.09	6.21	5.55	0.46	4.01	2.94	2.65	1.14	1.14
March	2.07	2.16	1.12	2.37	2.48	0.32	0.93	4.44	3.28
April	1.51	0.15	0.87	5.97	2.30	3.73	4.10	4.12	2.19
May	0.68	2.65	3.67	2.95	2.08	1.91	3.15	1.80	1.65
June	1.48	1.66	4.18	1.67	1.07	0.54	1.10	2.80	1.65
July	4.09	5.33	5.45	1.92	1.69	3.40	1.96	2.65	2.12
August	5.25	6.24	3.48	1.42	2.78	3.59	4.30	2.06	1.71
September	3.29	3.97	5.65	0.27	6.29	3.20	3.06	2.85	1.42
October	1.93	2.93	3.73	4.90	6.39	5.16	1.72	1.30	3.50
November	1.42	3.21	1.43	6.16	8.88	3.38	5.36	8.92	2.16
December	5.27	2.23	3.83	9.23	4.63	3.17	3.70	0.96	6.66
	33.29	40.20	42.91	42.38	50.20	36.44	37.68	33.79	28.63